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Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting July 21, 2014

PRESENT:

Rodney Towne	Selectman
Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman
Christine Quirk	Selectman
Peter Flynn	Town Administrator

Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard, Jay Marden, Barbara Thomson, Road Agent Dick Perusse, DiPietro, Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett, Sandi VanScoyoc, Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, Laura Bernard, Dick Moody, Rail Trail Committee Chairman Louise Robie, David Woodbury, Gail and Randy Parker, Brandy Mitroff, Barbara Thompson and Tim Trimbur, Forestry Committee Chairman were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00M beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda including an agreement with Goffstown for Medical Intercept. Christine moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief Dan MacDonald was present and explained the Fire Department outsources billing for ambulance services. The original company they used has been degrading so they searched for a new provider and found Comstar who had a requirement for something in writing for medical intercept services. The department sent the form to Bedford and Goffstown who provide these services to New Boston. Goffstown's form was more formal requiring Selectmen approval. The forms will be given to Comstar for filing.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Fire Chief Dan MacDonald-Discussion of Grant for Thermal Imaging: Fire Chief Dan MacDonald presented saying a public meeting is needed to accept a grant New Boston applied for and awarded \$12,540 for a thermal imaging device. New Boston is responsible for \$660.00 of the cost, totaling \$13,200. This is a mini-grant from FEMA. The entire amount was budgeted and this is a great savings for New Boston. The thermal imager is one of the most valuable pieces of Fire Department equipment. Christine moved to accept this FEMA grant of \$12,540 with the town responsible for \$660.00. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 2: Louise Robie-Re: Disposition of Town Wide Yard Sale Footbridge Donations: Louise Robie was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss their recent decision on disposition of Town Wide Yard Sale Footbridge Donations. The Selectmen said they made this decision because there is no way to return the funds to the original donors as the fund did not

have names for each dollar and this project could come up again within the next year and that is why they are waiting. Louise requested that if the footbridge project is revived the money should be put toward the footbridge, and if not, it should be put toward the Rail Trail project that is in progress as that is a project with the same livable/walkable idea. The Selectmen did not want to assume that would be ok with the donors. Louise said she had a list of the donors and will call each to see if they would be ok with donating to the Rail Trail project if the footbridge project does not come up within a year.

Item 3: Jay Marden-Update on Footbridge Acquisition and Construction: Jay Marden was present representing the Footbridge Committee as he found a footbridge for sale and met with the seller for details. It is a two year old bridge complete with engineering plans. Committee members went to see the bridge in Stoughton, MA and received copies of the engineering plans and pictures of the bridge. An engineering study for bridge supports would be needed, the bridge is otherwise complete and delivery is included in the price of approximately \$50,000. Another meeting with the seller is scheduled for Wednesday at 11:00. The price is significantly less than a new bridge and it is made by an American company, as required by the original grant. It may also have extra sections that could be used in other areas around town. The locations for bridge placement on both sides of the river are owned by the town. Funding is needed; the account currently has \$10-13,000. The Federal government is open to new grant applications. A town meeting is not needed to send letter to apply but the committee in Item 4 needs to be formed to recommend applying for the grant. A letter of interest to be considered for a grant qualification process is due by August 6. Peter will prepare and submit this. A town meeting will be needed for the town to request total funding in addition to any grant funds. Part of the matching funds would come from the account that has not yet been closed. Jay will report to the Selectmen at their August 18 meeting.

Item 4: Gail Parker-Re: Suggestion for an Organizational Plan for the Future of a Footbridge: Gail Parker presented explaining the history of the New Boston Speaks group that met approximately 10 years ago and resulted in the formation of several committees, one of which was the Foot Traffic and Safety Committee. The committee did some fundraising and safety purchases but was never appointed as a committee by the Selectmen. Gail is now requesting this be done. The committee plans to hire a surveyor to survey the proposed footbridge property. There are some funds in the committee account that can be used toward the footbridge project. The Selectmen said the town already has a Highway Safety Committee and this committee could be a subcommittee of the Highway Safety Committee. Gail said one purpose of the committee would be to hold funds and apply for grants and wondered if this could be done as a subcommittee. The Selectmen said yes but spending would have to be approved by the Selectmen. The committee will advertise for members in the August New Boston Bulletin, as the New Boston Foot Traffic Safety Committee, a subcommittee of the Highway Safety Committee with five members and extra volunteers. Christine moved to create the New Boston Foot Traffic Safety Committee, a subcommittee of the Highway Safety Committee with five members. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

C. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 5: Approval of the Public Minutes of July 7, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of July 7, 2014. Christine moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 6: Competitive Electric Power Recommendation-Peter Flynn (Request's Approval): Peter recommended using ENH as the town electricity supplier for the next 18 months. The town currently uses Integrys and saved \$1,800 compared to PSNH rates last year. The town estimates to save approximately \$1,950 with a contract with ENH. Dwight moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract with ENH Power of Portsmouth, NH for service to the Town of New Boston for a contracted period of 18 months. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 7: Discretionary Preservation-Continued Discussion and Amendment to Original Motion: This item is in follow up to Dick and Betsy Moody's meeting with the Selectmen July 7 where they requested abatement of 75% instead of the 25% the town has been overcharging them since their property was given an abatement by Selectmen vote of June 28, 2004. The Selectmen discussed this as follows: The deed does not say 75%, it says 25%. Christine was a Selectman at the time and remembers the Selectmen voted 75%. Rodney would support 50% abatement. The other properties given abatement at that time were given 50%. Christine moved for 75% at the July 7, 2014 meeting and the motion is still on the table. Former Selectmen David Woodbury was present and he said he could not recall anything different than shown in the June 28, 2004 minutes that stated a motion was approved to reduce the assessment by 75%. Christine moved to reaffirm the vote on the original motion the Selectmen made June 28, 2004 giving Richard and Betsy Moody a 75% Discretionary Preservation Easement. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The town will correct the deed.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 8: Recommendation To Use Services of Occupational Health Care Service-Peter Flynn-Approval Requested: Peter presented saying that over the years a Workers Compensation Health Service would have been useful to the town to review Workers Compensation cases. He recommends the town begin using the services of Bedford Occupation and Acute Care. There is no annual fee involved and any fees would be paid by the town Workers Compensation Insurance Carrier. Rodney noted some concerns that will be researched before the Selectmen make a decision.

Item 9: Award of Town Hall Painting Bid: Peter reported this bid proposal was advertised in the Goffstown News and posted as required by the policy. Eric Fey sent the only response. \$10,000 is budgeted for this project, \$6,500 for the painting portion and additional costs for the 'lift' required to paint the higher peaks. The bid was within budget. He has done the work on the Town Hall before and is qualified. Dwight moved to accept Eric Fey's bid for painting the Town Hall. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 10: (Informational Only) Notification From NHDOT of Available Funding for Transportation Projects: Received.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 11: Town Administrator's Report:

- Rose Meadow/HUD Suit: No update.
- Riverdale Road Bridge: Hoyle Tanner is coordinating the land purchase necessary for this project.
- Discussion and Legal Process re: Sale of Town Property: Peter spoke with Town Attorney Bill Drescher to prepare any necessary legal work.
- Painting Bids for the Town Hall: As above.
- Johnson Property: Town Attorney Bill Drescher is working on this and it is proceeding.

Item 12: Selectmen's Reports:

None.

Public Forum:

Tim Trimbur was present to discuss his request to remove material for a project at the Siemiez Forest on Middle Branch Road. The Intent to Cut was reviewed. Christine moved to accept the donation of revenue for timber as explained in the document up to \$4,800. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Tim noted more revenue is possible and will return to the Selectmen for acceptance of any additional amount.

Laura Bernard came forth to speak to the Board and was denied until more information was received in advance of the meeting. She will be on the agenda for August 18th.

Item 13: Request for Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(e): Dwight made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(e) at 7:43 PM. Christine seconded the motion. A roll call was taken: Dwight-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: At 8:05 Dwight moved to exit Non-Public Session. Christine seconded and all were in favor. 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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